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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

HARRY M. LANTZ,
Petitioner

v.

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00576

MONTVALE WATER COMPANY, INC.,
Defendant

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

January 22, 2003

By Hearing Examiner's Ruling entered on December 16, 2002, the evidentiary hearing scheduled herein was re-scheduled from March 18, 2003, to April 16, 2003, and a procedural schedule was established for prefilng testimony and exhibits.

By letter dated January 2, 2003, Mr. Harry M. Lantz requested a local hearing to accommodate individuals who may wish to testify on the Company's Application, but are unable to travel to Richmond.

Good cause having been shown, I find an additional hearing should be held on March 18, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, Virginia, for the sole purpose of receiving public comment on the Company's Application. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

1. The evidentiary hearing currently scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on April 16, 2003, in the Commission's Courtroom, Tyler Building, Richmond, Virginia, shall remain as docketed;
2. An additional local hearing is hereby scheduled for March 18, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, Virginia, for the sole purpose of receiving public comment on the Company's Application;
3. On or before February 28, 2003, the Company shall provide notice of the local public hearing to its customers by bill insert;
4. The Company shall forthwith serve a copy of this Ruling on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of each county in which the Company offers service, and/or the Mayor or Manager of every city and town (equivalent officials in the counties, cities, and

towns having alternate forms of government) in which the Company offers service. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or to the residence of the person served;

5. At the commencement of the April 16, 2003, hearing the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of notice as required by paragraphs (3) and (4) herein; and

6. The remainder of the procedural schedule established by Rulings dated December 4 and December 16, 2002, shall remain in effect.

Michael D. Thomas
Hearing Examiner